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To the extent that the restriction requirement can be understood, Applicants elect the invention of Claim 1, Part A, as well as the method wherein the production of fibrin is inhibited. But, Applicants respectfully submit that the restriction is not proper and therefore should be withdrawn.

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